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SUBJ: EVOLVING GRZ POSITION ON FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES

1. IN CONVERSATION ON OTHER SUBJECTS JULY 24 GRZ FONMIN MWAANGA TOLD AMBASSADOR THAT FIRM POLICY DECISION HAD BEEN TAKEN AT MINISTRY OF DEFENSE AGAINST FURTHER ACCREDITATION OF FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES TO ZAMBIA. FONMIN GAVE IMPRESSION THAT DECISION MADE AT MINISTER OF STATE LEVEL (ARMY AND AIR FORCE CHIEFS OF STAFF) AND MAY BE AWAITING CONFIRMATION BY MINISTER OF DEFENSE WHICH PORTIFOLIO HELD BY PRESIDENT KAUNDA.

2. SUGGESTED THAT DECISION MAY HAVE BEEN INFLUENCED BY PERSISTENT REQUEST OF YUGOSLAVS TO ASSIGN MILITARY ATTACHE TO LUSAKA. ALSO SAID ROMANIAN AMBASSADOR JUST LAST WEEK (IN WAKE OF HAVING TURNED OVER 20 FIVE TON TRUCKS FOR ZAMBIA'S TRANSPORT EMERGENCY) ALSO RAISED QUESTION OF ACCREDITING FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHE.

3. AT SAME MEETING UNDER SECRETARY MOFA MANDA SAID THAT EVEN CHINESE WHO COME IN PERIODICALLY TO TRAIN ELEMENTS OF ZAMBIAN ARMED FORCES DO NOT RPT NOT HAVE MILITARY ATTACHE.

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4. FONMIN SAID HE WAS RELIEVED WITH THIS DECISION WHICH MADE SITUATION MORE CLEAR CUT THAN IN PAST WHEREIN FOREIGN MILITARY ATTACHES ASSIGNED TO ZAMBIA NEVER KNEW EXACTLY WHERE THEY STOOD BECAUSE THEIR ACCESS TO GRZ MILITARY ESTABLISHMENT WAS SOMEWHAT ON AND OFF. AMBASSADOR ASKED IF DECISION WOULD BE FORMALLY NOTIFIED TO FOREIGN EMBASSIES. MINISTER IMPLIED IT WOULD.

5. COMMENT: FOREGOING CALLED TO ATTENTION OF DOD IN CONNECTION WITH ASSIGNMENT OF REPLACEMENT FOR COL. ROBERT E. MORRIS CURRENTLY ACCREDITED AS MILITARY ATTACHE TO MALAWI AND ZAMBIA AND EXPECTED BE TRANSFERRED APPROXIMATELY DECEMBER 1974. WILKOWSKI

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